

THE EXCHANGE FILES

Field Report: 2:48 p.m., Lincoln, Nebraska

Old beakers and test tubes, two spectrophotometers, and other scientific apparatus that sat unused in a dusty laboratory basement vanished. One can only guess at the implications if these devices should fall into the wrong hands.

Across the state, a science teacher and her class were observed conducting bewildering scientific experiments with the equipment in question.

A threat to national security? Cloning? Alien technology research?

There is a rational explanation. Both the laboratory and the school participate in the Materials Exchange Program from Keep Nebraska Beautiful.

It matches materials generated by a company with the needs of others in the state.

To the lab, the outdated equipment is trash. To the students it's a valuable learning tool.



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